

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

*100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611*



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 3, 2008

10:00 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

*President Terrence J. O'Brien
Vice-President Kathleen Therese Meany
Chairman of Finance Gloria Alitto Majewski
Commissioner Frank Avila
Commissioner Patricia Horton
Commissioner Barbara J. McGowan
Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos
Commissioner Debra Shore
Commissioner Patricia Young*

Call to Order

President O' Brien presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien; Kathleen Therese Meany; Gloria Alitto Majewski; Frank Avila; Patricia Horton; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; Barbara J. McGowan; and Patricia Young

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 10:35 am, President O'Brien reconvened the regular board meeting to order.

Finance Committee

Report

- 1 [08-0595](#) Report on the Payment of Principal and Interest for Outstanding District Bonds on January 2, 2008
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 2 [08-0596](#) Authority to add Project 06-156-3P, Grit Piping Replacement, at Stickney WRP to the Engineering Department Capital Improvement Program and the Capital Improvements Bond Fund, estimated cost of the project is \$3,000,000.00
Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Barbara J. McGowan, Patricia Young

Purchasing Committee

Report

- 3 [08-0597](#) Report on Bid Openings of Tuesday, December 18, 2007

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 4 [08-0640](#) Authorization for payment to The Water and Wastewater Leadership Center, for tuition fees for four (4) Senior Managers in various departments to attend a 12-day Residential Leadership Development Program in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00 Account 101-25000-601100

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 5 [08-0599](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-404-11, Annual Maintenance, Repairing, Recharging, and Hydrostatic Pressure Testing of Portable Fire Extinguishers for the Period of April 1, 2008, through March 31, 2011 Estimated Cost: \$99,000.00 Account 101-15000-612780 Requisition 1226031

Approved

- 6 [08-0600](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-435-11, Maintaining Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs), Complete with Accessories District-Wide, for the Period of April 1, 2008, through March 31, 2011 Estimated Cost: \$65,000.00 Account 101-15000-612780 Requisition 1226051

Approved

- 7 [08-0601](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-676-11, Pest Control Services in the Calumet Service Area, estimated cost \$56,400.00, Account 101-68000-612420 (Req. 1230381)

Approved

- 8 [08-0602](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-711-11, Services to Repair HVAC Equipment and Appurtenances at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant and Laboratory, estimated cost \$75,000.00, Account 101 67000-612680 (Req. 1232428)

Approved

- 9 [08-0603](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-766-11, Painting Services at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$60,000.00, Account 101 67000-612680 (Req. 1233031)

Approved

- 10 [08-0604](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-782-11, Services to Paint Final Tanks at the Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$161,200.00, Account 101-67000-612650 (Req. 1231328)
Approved
- 11 [08-0605](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-966-11, Fence Painting Services in the Stickney Service Area, estimated cost \$40,000.00, Account 101-69000-612420 (Req. 1232424)
Approved
- 12 [08-0607](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-988-11, Services to Maintain Crossing Signal Systems at the HASMA and Ridgeland Railroad Crossings, estimated cost \$45,000.00, Account 101-69000-612670 (Req. 1224438)
Approved
- 13 [08-0611](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-994-11, Furnish and Deliver an Odor Control System to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$30,000.00, Account 101 69000-612600 (Req. 1226808)
Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 14 [08-0613](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 07-417-11 to Five Star Equipment Inc., for Furnishing and Delivering One Hundred Fifty-One (151) Personal Alarms for Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) Gas, Six (6) Personal Alarms for Carbon Monoxide Gas, and One Hundred Fifty-Seven (157) Hard Hat Clips for Personal Alarms, Complete with Accessories, on an Annual Basis, to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$56,208.00 Account 101-15000-623780 Requisition 1215512
Approved
- 15 [08-0614](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 07-428-11 to Terry's Ford Lincoln Mercury of Peotone, for Groups A and B, for an amount not to exceed \$35,289.53, and to Sierra Motors, Inc., for Group C, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, for Furnishing and Delivering Three (3) Fleet Vehicles, in a total amount not to exceed \$55,289.53 Account 101-15000-634860 Requisition 1221865
Approved
- 16 [08-0615](#) Issue a purchase order for Contract 08-105-11, to Len Jablon Helicopters, Inc., for Helicopter Service for a Two-Year Period, in an Amount not to Exceed \$59,538.00 Account 101-16000-612330 Requisition 1225161
Approved

- 17 [08-0616](#) Issue purchase orders for Contract 08-602-11 for Furnishing and Delivering Chain, Sprockets and Appurtenances to Various Locations, to Allied-Locke Industries, Inc., for Groups A, B, C, and E, in a total amount not to exceed \$703,811.07, and to Motion Industries, Inc., for Group D, in an amount not to exceed \$225,278.00, for a total award in an amount not to exceed \$929,089.07 Accounts 101-67000, 69000-623270 Requisitions 1224487, 1224483, 1224484, 1224485, and 1224467

Approved

- 18 [08-0617](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg LLP to represent the District in rulemaking proceedings before the Illinois Pollution Control Board in the matter of Water Quality Standards and Effluent Limitations for the Chicago Area Waterway System and the Lower Des Plaines River: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill.Adm.Code 301, 302, 303 and 304, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. Account 101-30000-601170, Req. 1233534

Approved

- 19 [08-0618](#) Issue a purchase order to iHispano.com for a one-year Diversity Recruitment Solution Subscription in an amount not to exceed \$28,500.00 Account: 101-25000-612360 Requisition: 1232410

Approved

- 20 [08-0619](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into agreement with Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. for Contract 07-RFP-19 Re-Bid, "Furnish and Deliver One (1) 20-Passenger Bus to the McCook Reservoir," total cost not to exceed \$94,466.00, Account 401-50000-634620, (Req. 1232440)

Approved

- 21 [08-0620](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Murray and Trettel, Inc., to provide continuous weather forecasting and storm watching services to the Waterways Control Room, for a two-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$16,320.00 Account 101-66000-601170 (Req. 1231315)

Approved

- 22 [08-0621](#) Issue purchase orders and enter into agreements, to Siemens Building Technologies, Inc., to provide maintenance and repair services for the fire alarm system at the Mainstream Pumping Station, HVAC equipment at the office, shop and storage complex at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant and HVAC equipment at the R&D Laboratory at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, for an amount not to exceed \$674,016.00 for a three year period Accounts 101-68000,69000-612680,612780 (Reqs. 1221296, 1223966 and 1231272)

Approved

- 23 [08-0622](#) Issue a Purchase Order to Teledyne Leeman Labs to furnish, deliver, and install one Hydra AA Automated Mercury Analyzer and consumable parts and supplies at the Stickney Analytical Laboratory in an amount not to exceed \$24,495.00, Accounts 101-16000-634970, 623570 (Requisition 1231638)

Approved

- 24 [08-0623](#) Issue purchase orders and enter into an agreement to Universal Technologies for furnishing and delivering Durametallic Mechanical Seals and for services to rebuild Durametallic Mechanical Seals at the Stickney and Calumet Water Reclamation Plants, in an amount not to exceed \$46,670.10 Accounts 101,68000,69000-612650,623270 (Reqs. 1224460,1229334,1229335)

Approved

Award Contract

- 25 [08-0624](#) Authority to award Contract 07-818-13, to Anchor Mechanical, Inc., for Services to Repair Laboratory Walk-in Coolers, Air Conditioners, Chillers and Ventilation Systems in the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant Area, in an amount not to exceed \$158,460.00 Account 101-68000-612680 Requisition 1202935

Approved

- 26 [08-0625](#) Authority to award Contract 08-003-11, Group B, to Allied Glove Corporation, to furnish and deliver laboratory tubing and gloves, to various locations for a one (1) year period, in an amount not to exceed \$40,730.34 Account 101-20000-623570

Approved

- 27 [08-0626](#) Authority to award Contract 08-027-11, Group C, to Crown Packaging International, Inc., to furnish and deliver glass and plastic labware to various locations for a one (1) year period, in an amount not to exceed \$116,674.00 Account 101-20000-623570

Approved

- 28 [08-0627](#) Authority to award Contract 08-028-11, Group A, to Apple Scientific, Inc., to furnish and deliver miscellaneous laboratory supplies to various locations for a one (1) year period, in an amount not to exceed \$53,718.60 Account 101-20000-623570

Approved

- 29 [08-0628](#) Authority to Award Contract 08-770-11 to Smith Maintenance Company, for Janitorial Services at the John E. Egan Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$47,580.00 Account 101-67000-612490 Requisition 1225631

Barbara J. McGowan requested that her earlier deferral be lifted

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 30 [08-0629](#) Authority to increase Contract 07-647-13, Repairs to Sludge and Dewatering Lines at the Mainstream Pumping Station, to Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of \$55,000.00, from an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00, Account 101-69000-612600, Purchase Order 5000779

Approved

- 31 [08-0630](#) Authority to increase purchase order 3041986, to the Chicago Defender, to publish invitations to bid for contracts and publish legal notices for original entrance and promotional civil service examinations in a newspaper during 2007, in an amount not to exceed \$600.16, from \$17,000.00, to \$17,600.16 Account 101-20000-612360

Approved

- 32 [08-0631](#) Authority to increase Purchase Order 3043538 to Thomas M. White and the Law Firm of Chapman & Cutler, LLP in connection with the District's compliance with GASB Statement 45 pertaining to the Retiree Health Trust Fund and other pension related issues in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 from an amount not to exceed \$25,244.24 to an amount not to exceed \$50,244.24, Account 101-30000-601170 (Req. 1205357)

Approved

- 33 [08-0632](#) Authority to increase purchase order 8004993, to Terracon Environmental, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,912.55, from an amount not to exceed \$24,305.00 to an amount not to exceed \$26,217.55 Account 101-15000-601170

Approved

- 34 [08-0633](#) Authority for Change Orders on Contract 00-473-1D (Re-bid), Replace Casework, Fume Hoods and Miscellaneous Work, at John E. Egan Water Reclamation Plant, Schaumburg, Illinois, with IHC/KED a Joint Venture, for Items: 1. an extra of \$113,679.50, and 2. an extra of \$21,852.60, resulting in an increase in the contract value from \$7,146,015.36 to \$7,281,547.46, Accounts 101-50000-612680, 201-50000-645680 and 401-50000-645780, Purchase Order 5000624

Approved

- 35 [08-0634](#) Authority for a Change Order on Contract 01-353-2M, Rehabilitation of the Existing Influent Pumping Station at Kirie WRP with Rausch Construction Corporation, for an extra in an amount not to exceed \$17,743.81, resulting in an increase to the contract value from \$21,144,015.26 to \$21,161,759.07, Accounts 401-50000-645650 and 645750, Purchase Order 5000394
Approved
- 36 [08-0635](#) Authority for Change Orders on Contract 05-149-1D, Rehabilitation of Westside Pumping Station at the Stickney WRP, with Rausch Construction Company, Inc., for Items: 1. an extra of \$18,044.22, and 2. an extra of \$18,311.00 and a credit of \$6,156.00 for a net extra of \$12,155.00, resulting in an increase to the contract value from \$2,221,187.91 to \$2,251,387.13, Account 101-69000-612680, Purchase Order 5000606
Approved
- 37 [08-0637](#) Authority for a Change Order on Contract 73-161-FH, Vulcan Conveyance System and Maintenance Facilities, McCook CUP Reservoir, with Graycor Industrial Constructors, Inc. for an extra in the amount of \$43,389.00 resulting in an increase to the contract value from \$30,220,966.69 to \$30,264,355.69, Account 401-50000-645620, Purchase Order 5000562
Approved
- 38 [08-0638](#) Authority for a Change Order on Contract 91-177-AE, Computer and Instrumentation Control Room at Stickney WRP, with Divane Brothers Electric Co., for a credit in an amount not to exceed \$23,951.00, resulting in a decrease in the contract value from \$40,653,021.42 to \$40,629,070.42, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5000594
Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:

A motion was made by Barbara McGowan, seconded by Patricia Horton, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Barbara J. McGowan, Patricia Young

Maintenance & Operations Committee**Reports**

- 39 [08-0641](#) Report to the Board of Commissioners on the 2007 Small Streams Maintenance Program
A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Patricia Young, that this Report be Published and Filed. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Pension, Personnel Relations & Civil Service Committee**Report**

- 40 [08-0642](#) Report on the distribution of Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) Fair Fund Proceeds to the District's Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust relating to the PBHG Growth Fund

Published and Filed

- 41 [08-0643](#) Report on the 2007 Annual Report of the Civil Service Board

Published and Filed

Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Barbara McGowan, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - no nays

Real Estate Development Committee**Authorization**

- 42 [08-0644](#) Ratify the General Superintendent's December 20, 2007 execution of a five (5)-month Permit to allow the Village of Wilmette to use as a construction staging area 0.17 acres of District land located near 831 Sheridan Road and along the east bank of the North Shore Channel, also known as a portion of North Shore Atlas Parcel No. 1.01. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Approved

- 43 [08-0645](#) Ratify the General Superintendent's December 20, 2007 execution of a five (5)-month Permit to allow the Village of Wilmette to use as a construction staging area 0.38 acres of District land located south of the intersection of Sheridan Road and Michigan Avenue, and lying along the west bank of the North Shore Channel, known as part of North Shore Channel Atlas Parcel No. 1.05. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:

A motion was made by Cynthia Santos, seconded by Gloria Majewski, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Barbara J. McGowan, Patricia Young

Research & Development Committee

Authorization

- 44 [08-0646](#) Authority to Subscribe to the Water Environment Research Foundation for 2008 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$114,300.00 Account No. 101-15000-612280 (Corporate Fund)
- A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Patricia Horton, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**
- Aye:** 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Barbara J. McGowan, Patricia Young

State Legislation & Rules Committee

Authorization

- 45 [08-0647](#) Recommendations for the State of Illinois 2008 Legislative Program
- A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Barbara McGowan, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**
- Aye:** 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Barbara J. McGowan, Patricia Young

Miscellaneous and New Business

Motion

- 46 [08-0649](#) MOTION to appoint the firm of Edward F. McElroy and Associates as Public Relations Consultant for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- A motion was made by Kathleen Meany, seconded by Patricia Horton, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**
- Aye:** 8 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Barbara J. McGowan
- Absent:** 1 - Patricia Young
- 47 [08-0650](#) MOTION to appoint Miguel A. Santiago as a Lobbyist for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Cynthia Santos, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

Aye: 8 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Barbara J. McGowan

Abstain: 1 - Patricia Young

48 [08-0651](#) MOTION to appoint Charles R. Vaughn as a Lobbyist for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Gloria Majewski, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Barbara J. McGowan

Absent: 1 - Patricia Young

49 [08-0652](#) MOTION to appoint Reyes, Williams & Associates, LLC, as a Lobbyist for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Patricia Horton, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Barbara J. McGowan, Patricia Young

50 [08-0653](#) MOTION to appoint Paul L. Williams as a Lobbyist for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Barbara McGowan, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Barbara J. McGowan, Patricia Young

Memorial Resolution

51 [08-0648](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Anna Marie Dickerson

A motion was made by Barbara McGowan, seconded by Cynthia Santos, that this Memorial Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation.

Chorus of ayes - No nays

Meeting Summary

Speakers

None

Summary of Requests

Commissioner Avila asked that the Illinois Pollution Control Board's schedule for interested parties to question the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency be provided to the Board (Re: Purchasing Item 18)

Commissioner Young requested the Board receive a report naming the municipalities that participated in cleaning debris from local streams and copies of the thank you letters that were sent to them (Re: Maintenance and Operations Item 39)

Study Session

In response to Commissioner Young's request, a study session has been scheduled for January 17, 2008, at 9:00 am, to discuss amending the District's Act to change titles of certain District managers and departments (Re: State Legislation & Rules item 45 initiative #1)

Announcements

President O' Brien announced that the Board Member's trip to Springfield is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patricia Horton, seconded by Debra Shore, that when the Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. and that today's meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

**/s/ Jacqueline Torres
Clerk**